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Response to Notice of Noncompliant Amendment  
Response Dated July 5, 2005

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Inventor:	Holmes, M.
Title:	Locking Device and Method for Securing Telescoped Pipe
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Examiner:	John C. Hona



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Response to Notice  
Of Non-Compliant Amendment  
And Remarks**

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

The above identified applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner of Patents consider the enclosed remarks and enter the following submission into the record, in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. If the Office requires additional action that may benefit from a telephone call, Applicant invites a call to its attorney of record, Nathan W. Johnson (Reg. No. 44,173). E-mail correspondence and transactions to [NJohnson@BradleyArant.com](mailto:NJohnson@BradleyArant.com) are authorized and encouraged.

**Amendments to the Claims – begin on Page 2 of this paper**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 4 of this paper.**

**A Certificate of Express Mailing is attached to the transmittal letter of this paper.**



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I hereby certify that the following documents:

1. Cover letter (2 pages, including this page),
2. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and Remarks

are enclosed and are being deposited this day (July 5, 2005) with the "Express Mail" service of the United States Post Office to Addressee, in an envelope marked EV30201578US addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

So certified,

Nathan W. Johnson, Esq.  
Attorney for Applicant

Tuesday, July 5, 2005

Date of Signature

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Nathan W. Johnson  
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